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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, Regarding the Proposed Briefing of the CIA Subcommittee on the Agency Budget

1. I met with Ed Braswell today and went over with him the areas which he thought the Chairman would want covered and those which he would want eliminated from the briefing of our Subcommittee on the Agency budget. Braswell repeated his statement that this should be a general briefing rather than a detailed one. He also said we should stay away from discussions of paramilitary activities in view of Senator Symington's sensitivity to this.

2. In this connection Braswell alluded to the fact that at one time we were involved in [redacted] and said discussion of anything like this should be avoided. I told him we had planned to include [redacted] in our presentation since these were major programs involving substantial expenditures of money and he agreed they should be covered. He also agreed we should cover the reconnaissance programs but should not get into [redacted] business." He added that, of course, the funding of irregulars in Laos would get a good going over in connection with the testimony given by [redacted] and others last week and Chairman Stennis' strong wish to get the Agency out of the "war in Laos" altogether.

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